

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-17 and 24-28 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 5-7 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 3 and 5-7 can be found at least at pages 13 and 14 of the specification and in the previously presented claims. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Personal Interview and Telephone Interview

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Lee at the personal interview held December 15, 2009 and the telephone interview held October 15, 2009 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claims 5-17 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly claiming non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed to during the October 15 telephone interview, claims 5-7 are directed to statutory subject matter based at least on the amendments of those claims. Claims 8-17 depend on independent claims 6 and 7, and are therefore also directed to statutory subject matter.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,069,536 (Yaung) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,152 (Collier); rejects claims 8, 12, 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaung and Collier in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0061266 (Ouchi); rejects claims 9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaung and Collier in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,918,226 (Tarumi); rejects claims 10 and 15 under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yaung and Collier in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,200,860 (Ghaffar); and rejects claims 11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yaung and Collier in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0005229 (Palekar). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied references fail to disclose or render obvious, "notice condition data, the notice condition data configurable to each different type of event of the multiple processings," as recited by independent claim 1 and similarly recited by independent claims 3 and 5-7.

Yaung discloses at col. 5, lines 32-35 and col. 6, lines 27-35 notifying the user when the user is required to make a selection or perform a task. However, this notification is only dependent on the task starting or ending. In particular, Yaung discloses each task correlating to a node, with each node corresponding to the same event. Therefore, Yaung merely discloses modifying multiple notification settings for a single event. Consequently, Yaung only discloses configuring notification for the same event, and fails to disclose configuring the notice condition data for each different type of event of the multiple processings, as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claims 3 and 5-7. Collier, Ouichi, Tarumi, Ghaffar and Palekar fail to at least cure this deficiency of Yaung.

For at least the reasons discussed above, independent claims 1, 3 and 5-7 are patentable over the applied references. Claims 8-17 and 24-28 are patentable at least for their various dependencies from the independent claims as well as for the additional features they recite.

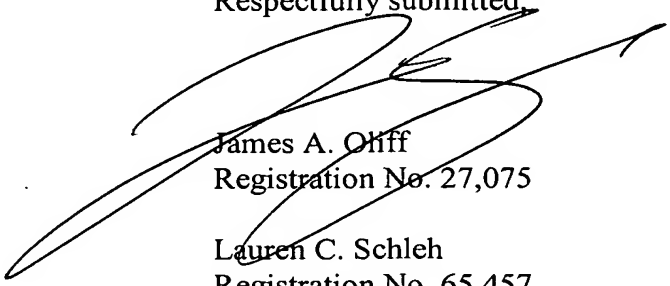
Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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